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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 21 March 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As you know, the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices was held in Geneva from 13 to 21 November 1995 under the chairmanship of the representative of Venezuela. The Conference adopted the resolution which I am pleased to annex to this letter and which, inter alia, recommends that the General Assembly should change the title of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices to that of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (para. 14 of the resolution).

Owing to the fact that the Review Conference completed its work on 21 November 1995, it was not possible to transmit, for subsequent adoption by the General Assembly, the draft resolution contained in its conclusions. Since the next session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts is scheduled to take place in the second half of this year, it would be useful for the General Assembly to decide as soon as possible on the proposed change recommended by the Conference. Accordingly, it is felt that the best time for adopting the new title of the Group would be during one of the upcoming meetings of the resumed session of the General Assembly.

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In view of the foregoing, we should like to request that the discussion of sub-item (a) of General Assembly agenda item 95, "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation", should be reopened in order to consider the draft resolution annexed hereto and I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Oscar R. de ROJAS
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ANNEX

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Draft resolution

Follow-up action by the General Assembly on the resolution adopted on 21 November 1995 by the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Restrictive Business Practices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/63 of 5 December 1980, whereby it adopted the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, including paragraph 1, section G, thereof, providing that an Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices operating within the framework of a committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would provide the institutional machinery,

Recalling in particular paragraph 3 of that resolution, whereby it requested the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-second session, to establish an intergovernmental group of experts on restrictive business practices, operating within the framework of a committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to perform the functions designated in section G of the Set of Principles and Rules,

Recalling further its decision 48/442 of 21 December 1993, convening the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices,

1. Takes note of the resolution adopted on 21 November 1995 by the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices; a/

2. Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 of that resolution to change the title of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices to "Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy".

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